Appendix A

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~~6. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the manganate material is selected from the group consisting of $La_xMg_yMnO_3$, $La_xCa_yMnO_3$, $La_xSr_yMnO_3$, $La_xBa_yMnO_3$, wherein $0.5 < (x+y) < 0.9$.~~

14. (Twice amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the precursor(s) comprise a mixture of ß-diketonate **[compound]** **compounds** selected from the group consisting of $La(thd)_3$, $Ca(thd)_2$ and $Mn(thd)_3$.

~~18. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said manganate material has A-site deficient stoichiometry, where $0.5 < (La+Ca) < 0.9$.~~

~~20. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said manganate material has A-site deficient stoichiometry, where $0.5 < (La + Sr) < 0.9$.~~

~~22. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said manganate material has A-site deficient stoichiometry, where $0.5 < (La + Ba) < 0.9$.~~

27. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said **[thin film]** manganate material has a Curie temperature **[above 273°K]** **that is between 273 K and 334 K**.

28. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said manganate material is annealed in oxygen.